Scheme of Licensed Postal Agents carried within itself a certain degree of self-employment potential though, since the Scheme is being developed according to requirements assessed from time to time and not to a pre-determined target, it is not practicable to quantify this self-employment potential as at the end of the Seventh Plan.

(a) to (d) *Telecommunication Services*: The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Allotment of wavelength for information vending business

1673. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the present policy, Government allots a particular wavelength to private organisations for information vending and computerised data retrieval business through satellites, if so, what are the terms for allotment of wavelength giving other details in this regard; and

(b) if not, whether Government propose to consider allotment of wavelengths for information vending business, in view of the overall information explosion world over; if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir. Allocations of a particular wavelength(s) or radio frequency channel(s) to private organisations for applactions like information vending, computerised data retrieval through satellite are not made. These requirements are met subject to technical feasibility, by the Department of Telecommunications or the Videsh Sanchar Nigam, on a commercial basis. The Department of Telecommunications and Videsh Sanchar Nigam are allotted wavelength(s) or radio frequency channel(s) for this purpose.

(b) Does not airse in view of (a) above.

Manufacture of pollution monitoring equipment

1674. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of industrial units in India engaged in manufacturing of pollution monitoring equipment;

(b) whether Government propose to encourage the industry manufacturing pollution monitoring equipment by giving special benefits and incentives in view of the importance assumed by pollution control measures; if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to encourage service agencies engaged exclusively in pollution-control and effluent management by giving special benefits and incentives; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) whether this Ministry has, in consultation with the Ministry of Human Resource Development, worked out any diploma or degree course in the areas of pollution control, effluent management and refuge-treatment, purification of toxic gases, relief and rescue operations in the event of environmental hazards etc.; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) A list of industrial units in the public and priavte sector whcih are engaged in the manufacturing of pollution monitoring equipment is given in the enclosed statement (*see* below). Instruments/equipments manufactured by these units relate to stack monitoring, ambient water and air quality monitoring and analysis of inorganic and organic chemicals.

(b) and (c) There is no scheme for providing special benefits and incentives to the industry manufacturing pollution control equipment and service agencies engaged in pollution control and effluent management. However, incentives in terms of tax rebate and loans at reduced rates of interest are provided to the industries for installation of pollution control equipment;